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AWAY GAME!



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I BROUGHT THE NEW
MUTANTS HERE, TO RESCUE
KITTY PRYDE -- AND HER
FRIEND, DOUG RAMSEY--
BUT, INSTEAD, I'VE LED
THEM INTO A TRAP!

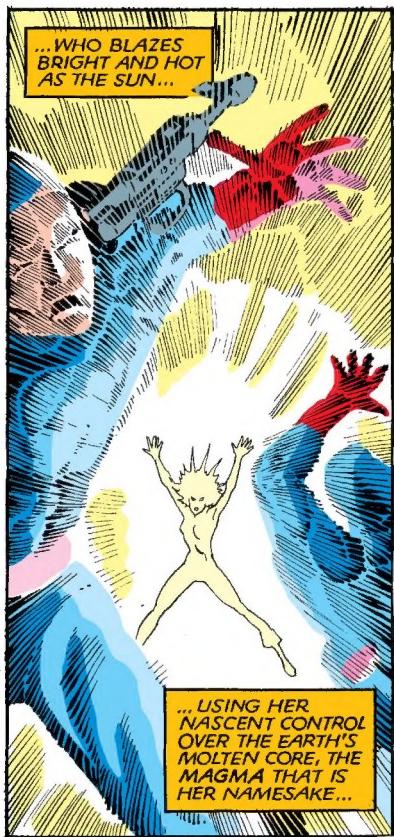


ILLYANA RASPUTIN IS A
TELEPORTER -- ABLE TO MOVE
THROUGH SPACE AND TIME--
BUT BEFORE SHE CAN
SUMMON AN ENERGY FIELD
TO SPIRIT HERSELF AND
HER COMPANIONS
AWAY...

...SAM GUTHRIE
GIVES A SILENT
CUE TO AMARA
AQUILLA...



...WHO BLAZES
BRIGHT AND HOT
AS THE SUN...



...TO TRIGGER A SUDDEN,
DEVASTATING...



THE SCHOOL
ABOVE IS UN-
AFFECTED BY
THE VIOLENT
TREMOR. BUT,
THROUGHOUT
THE SPRAWLING,
UNDERGROUND
COMPLEX, POWER
CONDUITS ARE
SEVERED...

...WITH
PREDICTABLE
RESULTS.

HOWEVER...

I'VE KEYED
IN THE
EMERGENCY
BACK-UPS...

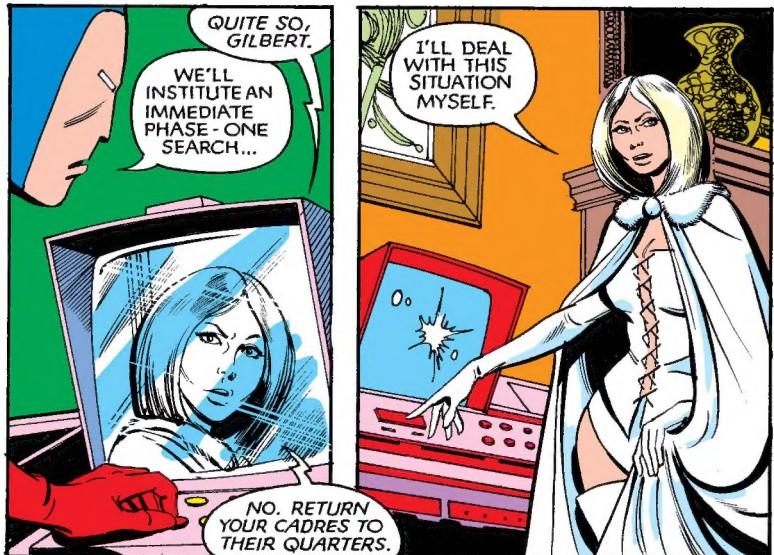
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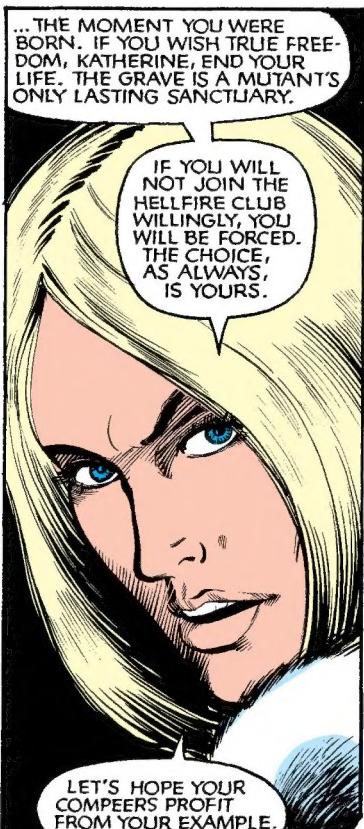
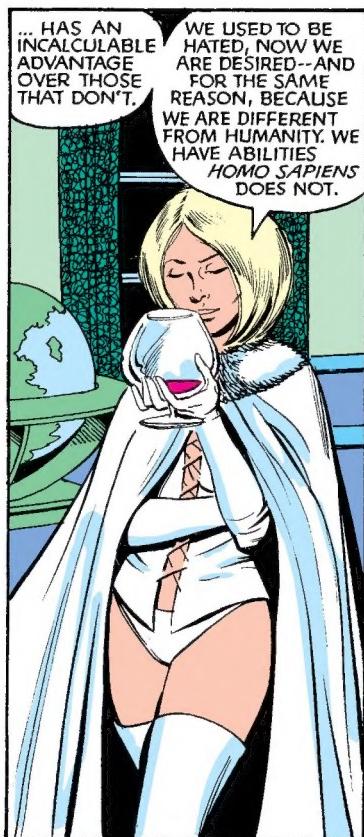


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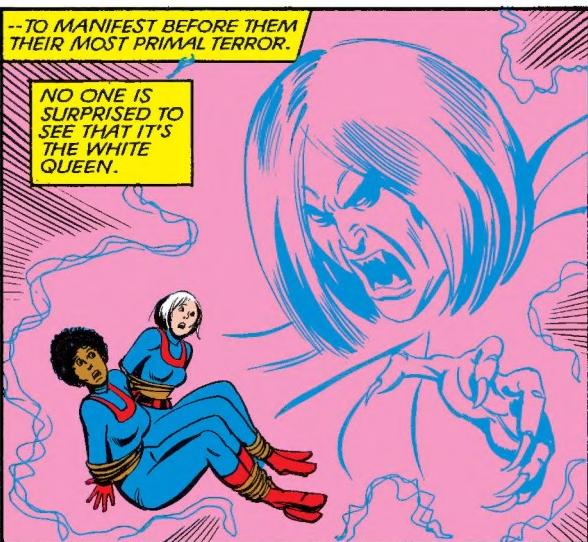
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GONE!!

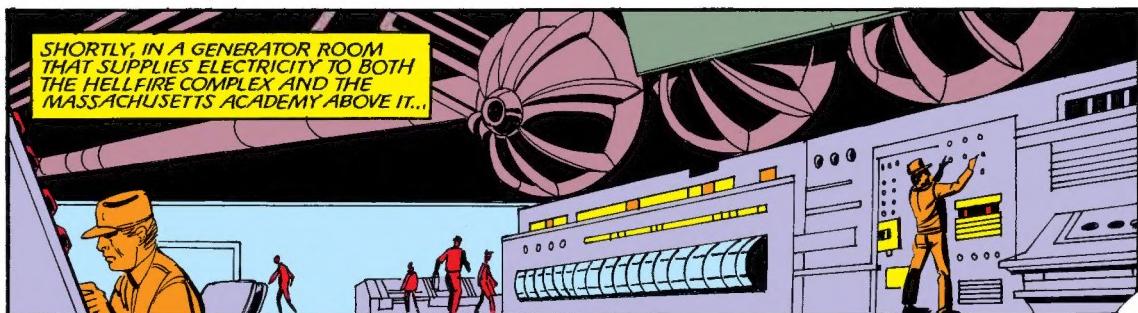






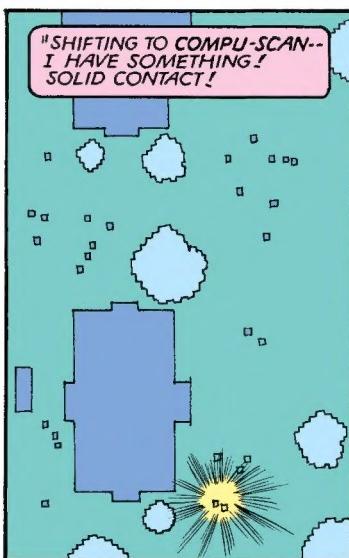


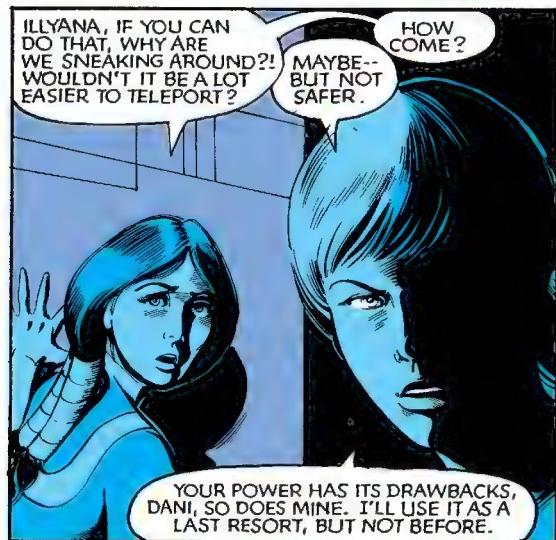






DESPITE THE LATE HOUR, STUDENTS ARE AWAKE--SOME WORKING, SOME NOT--AND WHEN THE LIGHTS FAIL, THEY QUICKLY ROUSE THE CAMPUS.

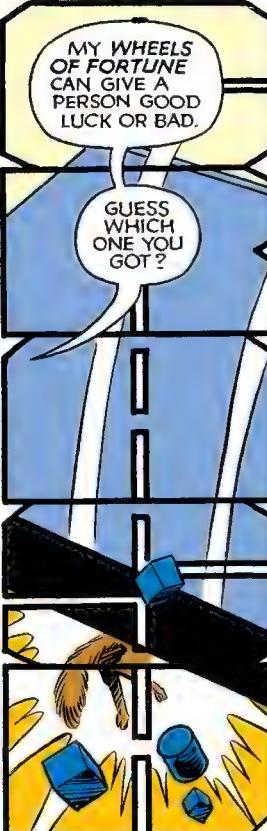




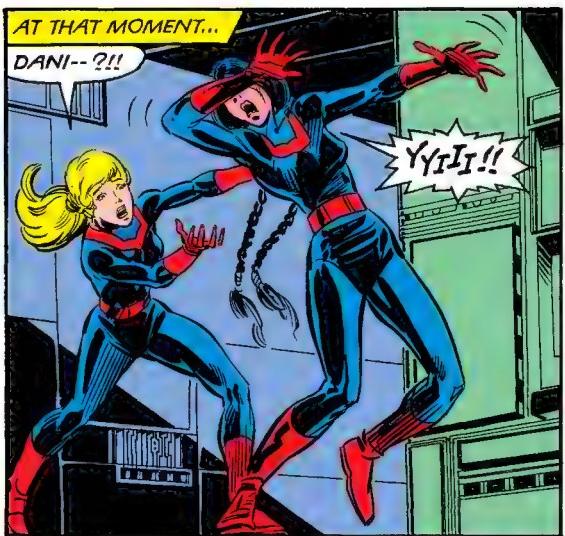


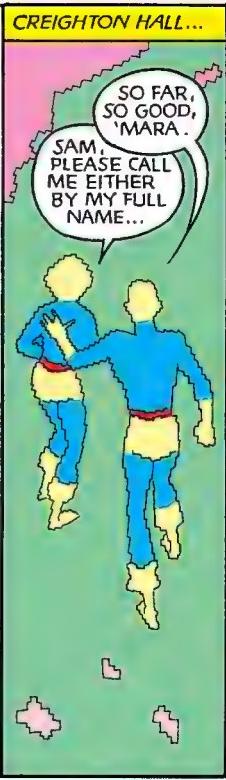
SHE HAS GOOD REASON. THE YOUNG BRAZILIAN'S PHENOMINAL STRENGTH DERIVES SOLELY FROM SUNLIGHT, AND HIS SOURCE CAPACITY HAS, THUS FAR, PROVED LIMITED. CUT OFF FROM HIS POWER SOURCE-- AT NIGHT, OR UNDERGROUND--



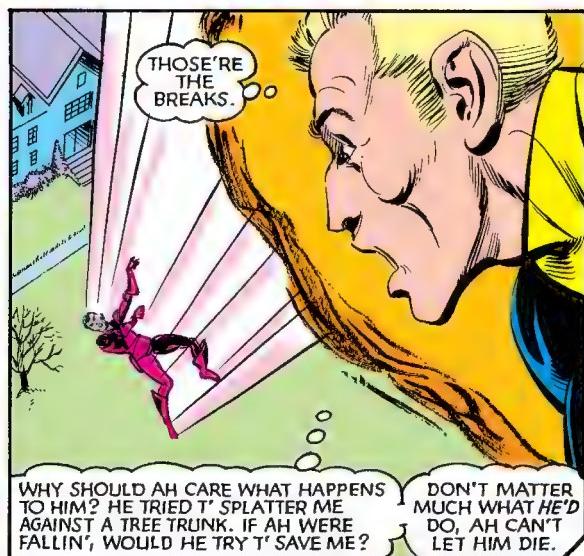
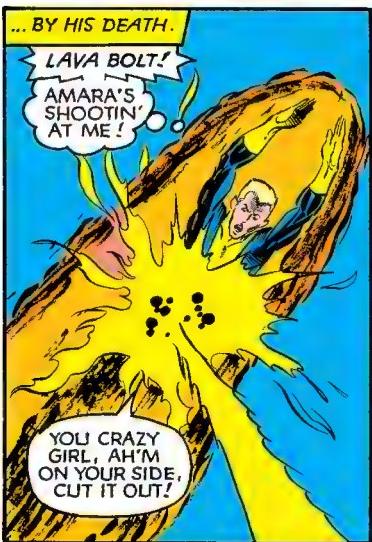
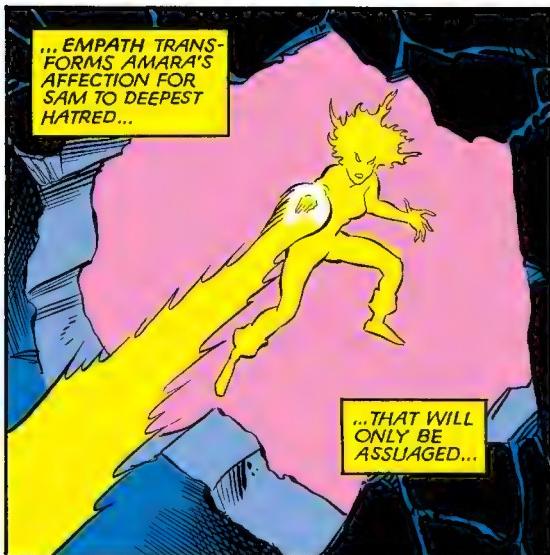












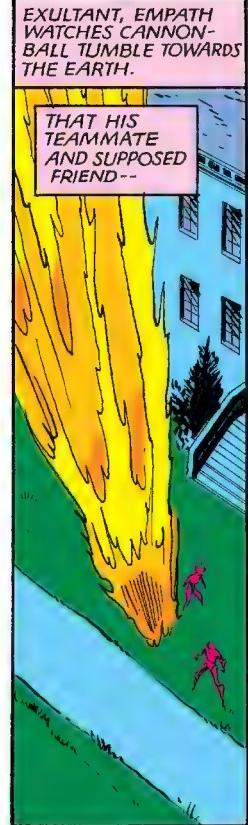
IT'S GONNA BE CLOSE! AH'M TOO NEAR THE GROUND-- GOIN' TOO FAST-- AH'LL NEVER BE ABLE T' PULL OUTTA THIS DIVE!

NO BIG PROBLEM. SO LONG AS AH'M BLASTIN', WHOEVER AH'M HOLDIN' IS PROTECTED, JUST LIKE AH AM--
--GOT HIM!

HE'S A KID YOUNGER'N ME-- **YAIIOOW!**

EXULTANT, EMPATH WATCHES CANNON-BALL TUMBLE TOWARDS THE EARTH.

THAT HIS TEAMMATE AND SUPPOSED FRIEND--



--IS ALSO PART OF THE CONFLAGRATION BOthers him NOT A BIT.



... HE INADVERTANTLY LETS HIS HOLD ON MAGMA SLIP.







Bullpen Bulletins

I GOT THIS LETTER . . .

a while back. It's from Herb Trimpe who's been a top Marvel artist since Tutankhamon wore diapers. High-flyin' Herb pilots his very own plane — a nifty-looking open-cockpit biplane — around the country in his spare time, by the way. Here's his letter . . .

Dear Jim,

I thought you might get a bang out of this. We went to the beach (Delaware shore) for vacation this summer. There's a nice little airport down there at a place called Rehobeth. As we've done the past two years, Linda takes the girls in the car and I fly Alex down in the plane. To make a real long story short(er), Alex and I ran afoul of some weather (not in the forecast), and got hemmed in by thunderstorms and low visibility along the Delaware River. There was no airport around where I could conveniently set down, so I chose the only possible out, with the rain coming down and the lightning flashing about, we landed in a farmer's soybean field. Just in time, too, as the wind and rain swept through the area. Lines went down, lights went out, branches were felled, the whole bit. Anyway, as we swung around into wind to get everything tied down, we were greeted by this local farmer and his family. Drenched, we were invited inside for dinner, and the rest is history. The whole thing was like something out of "The Great Waldo Pepper." Linda drove up to get us and the next day we drove back to fly the airplane out. If you ever got a spare half hour, I'll tell you about that one, too. Short fields and power lines, etc. Anyway, the upshot, the punch line, the payoff to this episode was that this family's name was *Marvel*. That's right, the farmer's name is Ray *Marvel*. Small world, ain't it?

Best to all,
Herb

AND NOW A WORD FROM

VIRGINIA . . . Virginia Romita, that is. Virginia is our Traffic Manager, responsible for keeping Marvel Comics on time — which she does amazingly well. It's not easy though, believe me. A few days ago, I heard her grumbling, snarling and cursing various Marvel editors' ancestors as she luggered her huge schedule book down the hall. "Virginia," I said, "you've got to vent this anger! Write it down! I'll print what you write on

the Bullpen Page for the world to see! It'll make you feel better . . . and save me some writing."

She agreed — and so, it gives me great pleasure to present:

Virginia Romita's Rostrum

Let me introduce myself. My name is Virginia Romita. I keep the schedules and traffic moving at Marvel Comics. I have a meeting with the editors and their assistants every week and chart the progress of their books. I don't expect much from them — just perfection. They don't miss the mark too often considering the problems they have to meet and solve. I like due dates on all books to be met and kept. They in turn try to meet them and keep the quality of the

HYPE BOX

ALIEN LEGION #1 — We've been showing little hints and glimpses over the past few months, but now we're ready to unveil it at last — Marvel's latest groundbreaking comic! CARL POTTS, ALAN ZELENITZ, FRANK CIROCCO, and TERRY AUSTIN have pooled their mighty talents to produce the most offbeat series of the year, featuring a veritable army of the most bizarre, colorful, and intriguing alien creatures ever to grace a comic page. It's destined to be the talk of fandom — so pick it up, or you'll be left out of a lot of conversations!

GRAPHIC NOVEL #10 — RICK VEITCH wrote and drew this daringly different science fiction adventure tale. Set on a far distant earth colony where people worship "The Sponsor," it stars a guy by the name of Sunoco Firestone. It's an outer space love story with commercial interruptions! And if you want to find out just what that means, you'll have to pick up the novel, won't you?

books as well — no easy task I assure you. Consider all the obstacles. For example, one artist's cat fell out the window not once, but on three separate occasions forcing him to miss his due date each time. One writer had the misfortune of having a bird build its nest outside his bedroom window — the constant chirping kept him from sleeping, therefore unable to write — another due date missed. You'd be amazed how many portfolios are lost or stolen on the subway, how often lack of supplies, births human or animal, 24 hour nervous breakdowns, cause delays. I am. If we ran a contest on the most imaginative excuse given for missing a deadline, we'd be hard pressed picking a winner. Despite the never ending catastrophes, the editorial staff does a terrific

job. Or else! They put out great comics and (almost) always on time.

I can't close this article down without mentioning the JR's (John Romitas) in my life.

John Sr. who used to draw Spider-Man, was not one for being late — but at what price. Way back when I was waiting to be driven to the hospital on John Jr.'s impending birth, Sr. asked if he had enough time to finish up the comic page he was working on. I guess he never thought of making up some story for not turning it in. He should have consulted with his friend the late Bill Everett, creator of Submariner. Bill was a creative genius. Once, when he missed a deadline, he claimed that his pet hamster ate through 6 pages of finished penciled pages (and never got indigestion). Now, no one could have made that up — or could they? Obviously, his hamster did not approve of comics as an art form.

You know, I was so concerned about getting this thing started I forgot it was going to need an end. I feel like the actor with stage fright, but when he got on stage did not want to leave. The only way seems to be to tell you I've enjoyed talking to you.

Virginia

THIS JUST IN . . .

If you're a fan of computer adventure games, you'll be pleased to hear that Marvel Comics is teaming up with *Adventure International*, the leading computer games company, to do a series of games involving Marvel characters. Scott Adams, the famous game designer who heads up A.I., has had extensive meetings with myself, John Byrne and Bob Budiansky to make sure the games are true to the Marvel Universe. And if you're a fan of Marvel Comics, you'll also be pleased to hear that we'll be publishing comics based upon the games! Keep watching . . .

PRICE INCREASE?

No, not in the foreseeable future! Thanks to you people buying a lot of comics, we're able to hold the line! We appreciate your enthusiastic support, and in return, we're doing our best to keep prices where you want 'em — as low as possible!

Best,

Jim Shooter

Jim Shooter

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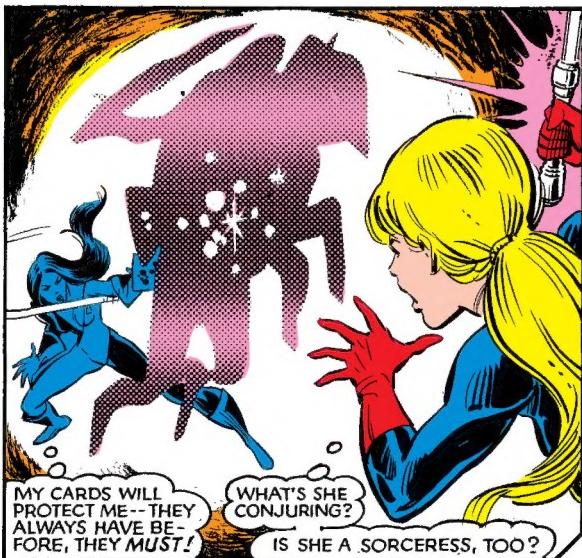
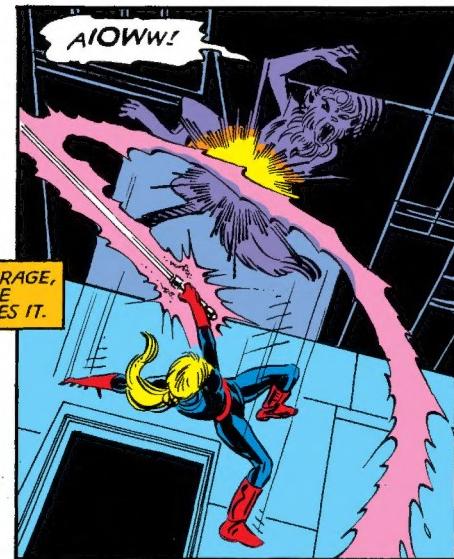
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THE CARD USED--THE ENTITY SUMMONED
IS THE COMPLEAT WARRIOR...

ILLYANA HAS NEVER FOUGHT
A MOUNTED FOE BEFORE.



WE'RE BOTH HURT,
WE'RE NO MATCH
FOR HER--



ENJOY YOUR
FREEDOM, BRATS,
IT WON'T LAST LONG.

NEXT
ISSUE

THE FINAL
SHOWDOWN

AND

The GETAWAY!

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Bob

and

Pho

He's a gonna
be OKAY!

I think...

